



SOLECISM

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breach of etiquette.*

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CUSA's student caucus staves off senate screwing

"Hey," somebody said, "She's combing her hair."

"So, she's the slinkiest linkie they got."

This section of the Solecism is dedicated to all those members of the student media who need never worry themselves with real issues.

On the January 29th meeting of Senate the major issues discussed were:

The elusive para-academic activity classification in Arts and Sciences again brushed closely with death as Dean Taddeo brought up a motion for discontinuance of the programme. However, since students are finally looking into the issue, i.e., with a committee of Departmental Council, our motion was accepted for tabling.

The student caucus presented a motion whereby student representation on University-wide bodies would be left up to the mechanisms of CUSA. This called for a major amendment of the Student Eligibility Regulations. We lost the vote over the status of Independent students. Even though there are two thousand of them at Concordia and they have no representation. The University

seems to be worried about "lifers" sitting on their major decision-making bodies. You know what they say: the best way to get rid of an idiot is to graduate him.

Willie Schiff, our famous 79-year-old student representative, finally got his motion on non-credit course attendance for senior citizens over 55 approved, at least in principle. It has been sent forward to the Committee for Non-programme Students in order for the details to be worked out. Soon, we hope to see many people auditing interesting classes in

certain departments.

The report from Senate Committee on Priorities and Resource Allocation suggested that an academic evaluation board be set up to evaluate undergraduate programmes. A debate rose out of the budgetary links outlining the proposal. The student caucus moved that these be removed in order to preserve the true purpose of the board. After some sneaky manoeuvring, with a little help from the clock, Senate was persuaded to see our position.

Paul Aarnkvarn



At least this referendum will make the graffiti artists come out of the can

A NEW VIEW OF CUSA

Today, with profound pleasure, I confess a past of ignorance and prejudice. Once upon a time (last year), it was my opinion that student governments represented one minor segment of the student body, that segment being composed of those students whose personal power trips led them onto election ballots and into boardrooms for the orgiastic purpose of hearing their own voices. I was dead wrong.

At the Legislative Council meeting on February 10th:

One Professor Adams solicited

the help of three students, not just Executive students but any of us who pay fees and carry books, in compiling a report on student life, financing and other issues vital to all of us who are threatened by government cut-backs in the immediate future. The report will be sent to the Ministère d'Education. Two Councillors and an observing student immediately volunteered the equivalent of one and a half days of studying to tell Camille Laurin exactly what we are or are not angry about.

Several Councillors and one

Steven Wuthmann, a student who doesn't expect public acclaim for hard work on behalf of Commerce students, reported that a spontaneous petition against sudden changes in Commerce and Administration Summer Session scheduling attracted over one thousand signatures in two days.

Financial Vice President Ed Lauzon and one Councillor reported efforts to assure that our non-profit Students' Association need not pay taxes this fiscal year.

Two questions to be put directly to the students were discussed—does

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NEW VIEW CONT.

CUSA incorporate? Should CUSA be a member of RAEU or ANEQ?

And that's not all. Why is there administrative silence on our yet-to-be-seen-thirty-million-dollar library? Where will the Students' Associations burnt out by last week's fire in Bishop Street be receiving office space? What about guaranteed funding by CCSL for the International Ethnic Students' Council? Would glass doors leading to CUSA's sixth-floor corridor offices make the organizations more visible to the

students? If there were a more even distribution of Councillors on committees, would the committees and Council function more effectively?

Time does not permit detailed discussion of all the debates which take place in these meetings but minutes of the meetings will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the main CUSA office in the Hall Building and in the CUSA building at Loyola. Suffice it to say that this four-hour meeting might be considered a short one for Legislative Council. Since one can listen to one's own voice for so long, the Council-

lors probably have another motivation for spending these hours in discussion.

I look forward to informing the students of the basic issues discussed at these meetings, because I was wrong. This may not be a general rule, but at Concordia the students' representatives are working hard, for you. I would also hope to explain a few confusing initials along the way. First off, CUSA is not an ivory tower—You are CUSA.

Janis Housez

Chairman

Legislative Council

MOORE'S GUIDE TO INCORPORATION/ELECTION VOTING

by Geoff Moore

Between February 16th-18th Concordia students have been asked to elect two CUSA co-presidents and vote on CUSA's incorporation by way of a referendum. Solecism conducted a very informal survey (jeans allowed) among the student population to find out just what the issues really are. Transcripts of the interviews are presented below.

The first interview was conducted at the Oasis Bar on the Loyola Campus with five students watching television. They refused to give their names.

Solecism: Hi fellas, can I ask you a few questions about the upcoming election and referendum?

Student #1: Sure, have a seat.

Solecism: Thanks, what do you guys see as being the issues?

Student #2: Magazines, gotta be magazines.

Solecism: Magazines? The election is for the new CUSA co-pres...

Student #1: Alcohol, then.

Student #3: Yep, definitely alcohol. Buy us a drink.

Student #4: Alcohol and drugs, lot of them. Those are the issues.

Student #5: Free alcohol and drugs. You better buy us some booze, boy.

Student #2: And some magazines, or else.

Solecism: Listen, thanks for talking...

Student #1: How much money you got? Give it to me, now.

Solecism: Sorry, I didn't bring much with me today.

Student #3: I'll shove that tape recorder down your throat in a

second if you don't give me your wallet.

Student #5: Hand it over.

Solecism: Okay, okay, here's ten bucks. That's all I have. Honest.

Student #1: Get outta here.

Solecism: Gee, ah, thanks.

Student #2: Now we can buy some magazines. Let's get a Hustler or something.

Student #5: Will you shut your face?

The second interview was conducted on the shuttle bus with a student who gave her name as 'Jane'.

Solecism: What do you see the issues as being in the upcoming CUSA incorporation referendum and co-presidential elections

Jane: Get away from me you racist, sexist dog-sucking pig.

Solecism: Pardon me? I'm sorry I didn't mean to offend you. I was just wondering if...

Jane: Aaarrggghhh! Rape! Abuse!

Mind torture! Aaarrggghhh!

Solecism: Sorry about that.

Jane: Aaaarrggghhh!

The third and final interview was conducted with a close friend of the late Reefer Jimmy, Harold Blather-son. Harold is a commerce student.

Solecism: Harold, what about the issues?

Harold: Well, the campaign for incorporation should be interesting. Each side is represented by a 'Yes' and 'No' committee. Each side has been allotted \$500. for their campaigns which began on the 9th of this month.

Solecism: Care to call a winner?

Harold: Well, as you know I'm a

commerce student. Anything with Inc. after its name gives me a little thrill. Corporations need accountants.

Solecism: What kind of thrill?

Harold: (Sings, like Elvis) Well, my heart gets hot/ My legs get weak,/ I just can't stop!/ No, I just can't speak!/ My eyes can't blink,/ When I read Inc!/ Oh yeah, c'mon baby now...Just turns me on I guess.

Solecism: So I noticed. What about the election?

Harold: Well, again the campaigns could not start until the 9th. To prevent the acclamation of Garon and Hirsh, there's another group running.

Solecism: Right on! Rhinos.

Harold: Yes, well federal elections have shown that Rhinos never win anything anyways. I don't see how the Rhinos could ever live up to their platform, besides.

Solecism: It's a joke, dummy.

Harold: Politics is not funny.

Solecism: Pardon me?

Harold: Politics is a very serious business, like accounting. If Garon and Hirsh get elected they've promised to revamp this rag. That will eliminate scum like you.

Solecism: What did you call me? Garon and Hirsh will do what? Some of us carry handguns! I'd like to see them argue that while looking down the barrel of a Browning .9mm automatic.

Harold: You're finished in this town, you're a nothing. Get out of my sight. Move it!

Solecism: I'm leaving, but this ain't over till it's over.

AARDVARK'S ANGLE

by Paul Aarnkvarn

On the 16th of February we, the students of Concordia, are going to be visited by an illustrious character by the name of Stanton Friedman. He is a well-known nuclear advocate. Also well-liked, according to the bland promotional pamphlet that precedes him. "He is well-known for communicating in terms everyone can understand, with lots of humour and down-to-earth illustrations." Great. Does he doodle while he lies? In anti-nuke circles he has a reputation for being a bozo-profitier. Unfortunately, this gives him some credibility in that he even merits response.

I attended a pro-nuclear rally some years ago, held by a group that called themselves the "Nuclear Fusion Society". They showed pastoral diagrams of how fusion plants would look parachuted into scenes of farmers and tractors, fields and

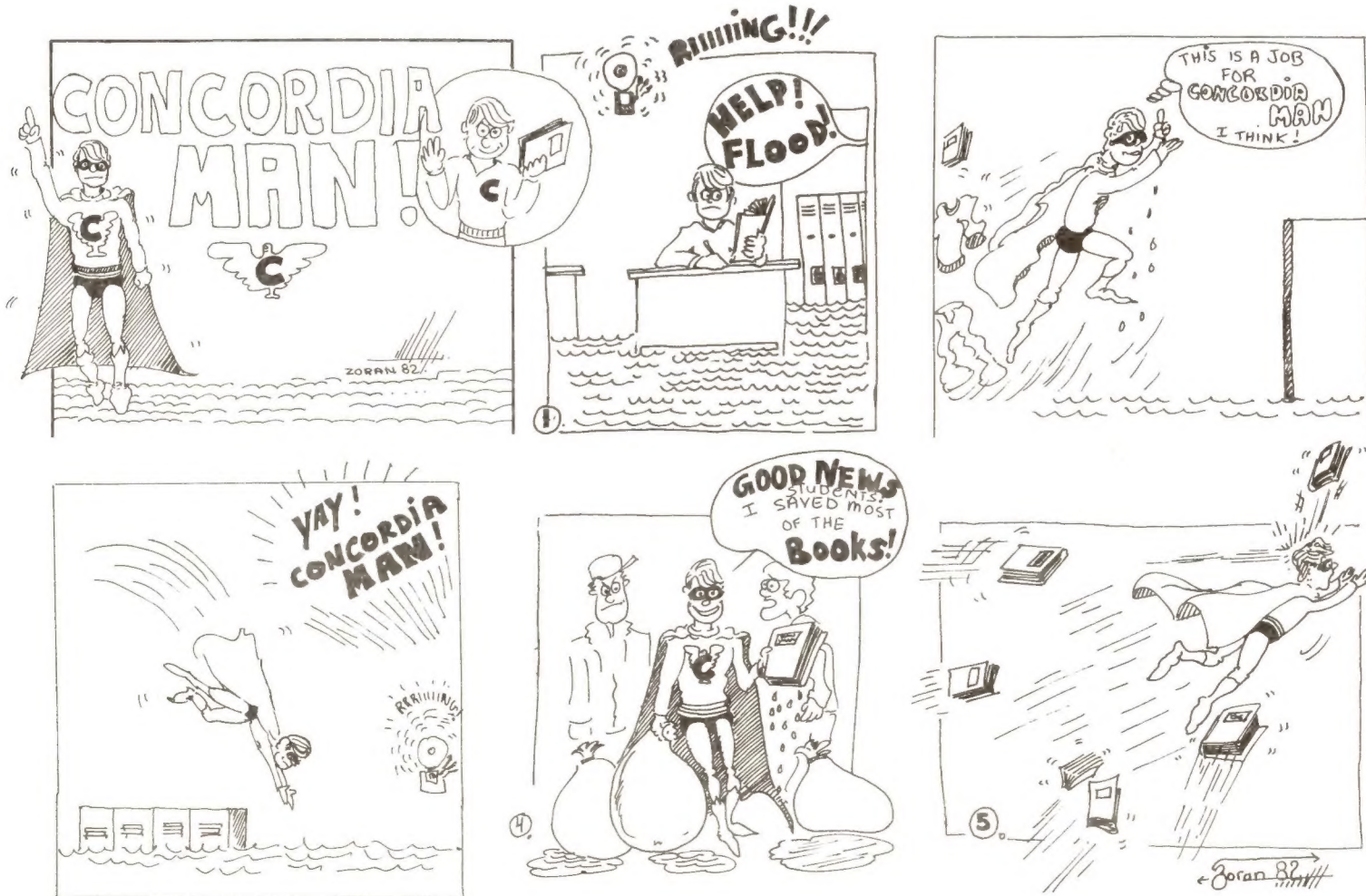
Both Plutonium and Friedman are forms of nuclear waste

cows, children on a picnic—all enjoying themselves, consoled by the proud towers in the background, that would provide the sun of tomorrow. What were these "Fusion" people doing for a living? They were Atomic Energy Commission engineers, but they were out to save the world. I could make similar accusations about Mr. Freedman. But judging from the style of his promotion, the nuclear industry could afford a prophet of higher caliber, regardless of the Mexico-Candu deal.

Should we demand a debate with impassioned anti-nukers? The problem with this being that men of this type are excellent speakers and they know their technology. Their weapons are the marvels of the human hand-mind combination. After all, did not technology give us the alarm-clock coffee-maker, enabling us to enjoy early morning sex without wasting precious employed hours

waiting for freshly-filtered Maxwell House? A body with a conscience would be murdered in front of a crowd of technoptimists: "Hell, we're going to lift all the nuclear waste into Space!" Here, bear, shit in the woods and pass the Pope those bagels.

Now, I know that the tendency of this association is to cut off the tongue that wags, but leave those tactics for the egalitarians. Let him speak. Pay him. But if someone wants to fight him, let CUSA pay for it. "Nothing else should matter," as Dr. Helen Caldicott—world renowned physician and anti-nuclear lobbyist—says, "It doesn't matter if you immunize your kids, give them good nutrition, write a good research paper, have a good relationship." The nuclear issue, unlike cutbacks, tuition fee hikes, non-existent libraries, is an issue we may never quite graduate from.



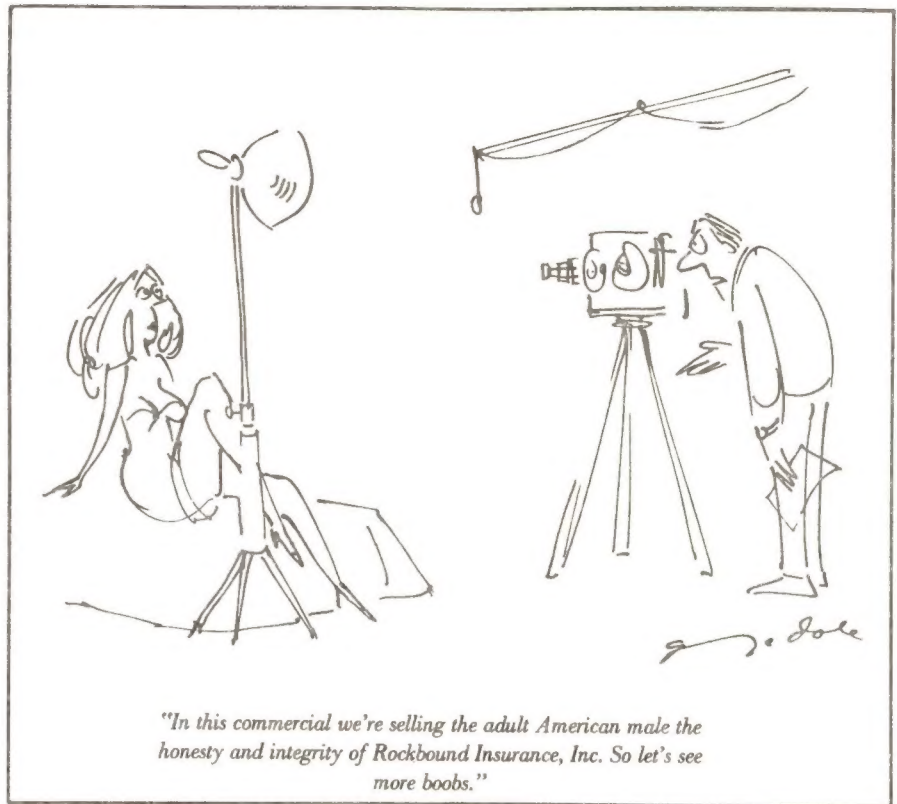
Understanding and trust can unite all

Participating in the men's and women's caucus made it possible for me to understand a fundamental element of feminism today. I am speaking of the anger and frustration large numbers of women feel towards a society that continues to exploit women at every level. The two-day "réunion" confirmed a belief I have had for a while now, that is to say, that feminism is a philosophy that is relevant to every person, man or woman, who believes in equality and justice.

You could see it on several women's faces. In some anger was more marked, on others it showed signs of blurring around the edges, dulling an otherwise razor-sharp determination. Battle-weary troops, I thought. At one point during the session on Saturday afternoon, an emotional peak was reached, a point which made me think of a statement made by Robin Morgan, the feminist, in the film *Not A Love Story*. "To be a woman today," she says, "is to be angry." I wondered what I, as a man, should do in face of that anger. Should I take it personally? I think not. I should, rather, try to understand it in the larger context, as a reaction to the predominance of an unjust social, political and economic structure.

I walked out of the Hall building Saturday night convinced, more than ever, that real strength can be found within the feminist movement, the strength to effect fundamental change. The ideals of feminism are not a limited set of rules that can only pertain to women. Men and women together will realize the goals feminists have set for themselves. Thinking all these lofty thoughts walking down Sherbrooke St. that snowy January night seems unrealistic in retrospect. But out of the experience, I have renewed faith in the potential that can be tapped from groups with a common cause.

John Kinloch



CUSA's senior senator on raising ethical standards

by Willie Schiff

The present cultural crisis in which we find ourselves is indeed shocking! The permissiveness of our post war society has done away with the subtle approach to love and marriage.

In literature we are poorer than the generation of the 19th century. We haven't an Emerson nor do we have a David Thoreau.

Although we have some good musicians, rock music has taken over and we are in search for an answer to the question: why and how did it happen?

The use of drugs is prevalent due to the unprecedented affluence of the past few decades. Our society is oversatiated, consequently in search of a thrill. This affluence could be harmful to the preservation of morals and the structures of authority and orthodoxy. I wish to quote a few lines from the Confession of St. Augustin, and I quote: "Forgive me God for the sin I have committed by striving for the poverty of wealth."

In Nietzsche's "Thus Spake Zarathustra" we hear the call to become a

"Superman". As I perceive that call it does not mean that one can really become a Superman, but at least one should aim at higher ethical standards. Nietzsche is preaching to overcome innate human frailties.

Religious philosophers are telling us that we are guided by God's will. Nietzsche, being an atheist, is telling us that we are guided by human nature. Consequently, we have to overcome.

Human culture does not progress. Human culture, due to human nature changes. Consequently it moves in circles.

Being an optimist, I believe in a revival of Idealism.

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